[12th March 1955

Superintendents in Secretariat Departments.

100 *Q*.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Superintendents working in all the departments of the Secretariat;

(*b*) how many of them were directly appointed;

(*c*) how many of them were promoted from lower rank; and

(*d*) how many of them are Harijans?

A.—(*a*) The number of Superintendents working in all the departments of Secretariat as on 25th January 1955 is 174.

(*b*) 1.

(*c*) 173.

(*d*) 2.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 *RE* POLICE FIRING AT NADUVATTAM, MALABAR.

9-30 a.m. * Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given notice of a motion to invite the attention of the Government to the firing incident which took place at Naduvattam, Malabar district, last year. A Special Officer had been appointed to go into the matter and I understand that he had submitted his report to the Government. In the meantime the matter has been taken up to the court and it was *sub judice*. Now I want to raise certain fundamental issues arising out of that incident. For instance, there is the question of musical procession passing before the mosque and whether Muslims can be conveniently allowed to worship without any hindrance or obstruction. All these issues must be settled urgently and a just and democratic solution must be found for them. It is for that purpose that I have given notice of the motion and the Government can in the meanwhile supply a copy of the report submitted by the Special Officer to hon. Members of this House. The report can be discussed and a real solution of the problem found."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure the hon. Member would be aware of the fact that revision petitions against the conviction have been filed in the High Court and it is *sub judice*."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" As the matter is *sub judice*, the hon. Member need not move his motion."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I gave notice of that motion long before the revision petitions were filed in the court. Now that the matter is *sub judice*, I do not propose to move it."